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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Masahiko MIHARA

Application No.: 09/381,598

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For: PREVENTIVES OR REMEDIES FOR  
SENSITIZED T CELL-RELATED DISEASES  
CONTAINING IL-6 ANTAGONISTS AS THE  
ACTIVE INGREDIENT

Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: J. F. Murphy

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 1, 2004, for which a response was due on February 1, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 1, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Also included herewith is the following Exhibit:

Exhibit A: Declaration of Masahiko Mihara Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132